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Re: Home Improvement Fraud

[North Canton, OH.] The North Canton Police Department wants to alert residents of a door-to door contractor offering to trim trees. Within the last 30 days, two incidents of this type of activity have resulted in one resident's home burglarized. A second incident today was foiled when the resident smartly refused to leave the home as requested by the contractor to go outside and measure trees.

Both incidents involved the following similarities:

Victims: Elderly Females 73 and 89 years of age

Time of occurrences: 6:30 pm. and 4:30 pm.

Days of occurrence: Friday and Thursday

Suspect information:

A white possibly Latino female makes contact with the elderly resident. Engages in conversation about her company "TRI Tree Trimming" trimming trees and asks the resident to go outside to watch the measuring of trees. In the meantime an accomplice enters the residence, commits thefts, and quickly leaves. The female was seen leaving the area in a dark colored (possibly black) SUV type vehicle described as a GMC model. No license plates were obtained.

The white possibly Latino female is described as five feet four inches (504), weighing 120 pounds. She had brown hair w/blond streaks tied in a ponytail. She was wearing blue jeans and sunglasses. There is no description on the accomplice or driver of the SUV.

The North Canton Police Department wants residents to be aware of this type of activity such as contractors that just show up at your door. These incidents are prime of examples when the element of distraction is used to commit burglary, theft and especially the exploitation of our elderly and vulnerable persons. Anyone with information regarding this type of suspicious activity can call the NCPD Detective Bureau at 330-499-5911 or Information Tip Line at 330-966-3633.

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